



Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Economic Impact Payments

Why is Congress proposing Economic Impact Payments (EIP) for individuals?

The public health and economic consequences of COVID-19 are significant. These payments help Americans afford what they need during this public health crisis, as many are experiencing a significant cash crunch.

When will the payments be distributed?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will work to deliver Economic Impact Payments as soon as possible. For people who filed a federal income tax return in 2018 or 2019, payment processing will be based on payment or address information already on file with the IRS. Electronic distributions will be automatic to an account the payee authorized January 1, 2018 or later. The IRS will also post instructions on how to change your address or bank account if these have changed.

How large are Economic Impact Payments?

The amount of the payment depends on family size. The payment is \$1,200 for each adult individual (\$2,400 for joint filers), and \$500 per qualifying child under age 17. The payment is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income to the extent a taxpayer's income exceeds \$150,000 for a joint filer, \$112,500 for a head of household filer, and \$75,000 for anyone else (including single filers).

Do Economic Impact Payments need to be repaid?

No, Economic Impact Payments do not need to be repaid. If an individual experienced an income loss in 2020 or if they have an increase in family size, they may be able to claim an additional credit of the difference when the individual files their 2020 tax federal income tax return in 2021.

How will Economic Impact Payments be delivered?

It depends. Payments will be delivered automatically—by the IRS—to most Americans who file individual federal income tax returns. When available, electronic direct deposit will be used in place of mailing a physical check.

Many individuals don't need to file a tax return. Are non-filers eligible for Economic Impact Payments?

Yes. There is no earned income requirement to be eligible for an Economic Impact Payment, but non-filers may need to take additional steps to receive their Economic Impact Payments. Please check the website: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus> for additional information and instructions

when it becomes available. The IRS will conduct a public awareness campaign to reach other non-filers and provide them with information on how they can access Economic Impact Payments.

How will a person who has recently moved access Economic Impact Payments?

The IRS will also post instructions on how to change your address or bank account if these have changed.

Will Economic Impact Payments affect my eligibility for federal income-targeted programs?

No, the payment is considered a tax refund and is not counted towards eligibility for federal programs.

What identification requirements apply to receive Economic Impact Payments?

Taxpayers must have Social Security Numbers for themselves and their qualifying children in order to receive Economic Impact Payment.

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